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COL MISSION SECRETARIAT **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION** 999 E Street, N.W. 2007 NOV 29 P 4 38 Washington, D.C. 20463 **SENSITIVE** FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT **AUDIT REFERRAL: 07-02R** DATE REFERRED: July 30, 2007 DATE ACTIVATED: August 13, 2007 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: January 5, 2009-December 31, 2009 **SOURCE: AUDIT REFERRAL RESPONDENTS:** Martinez for Senate and Nancy H. Watkins, in her official capacity as Treasurer **RELEVANT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:** 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) 2 U.S.C. § 441a(i) 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) 2 U.S.C. § 438(b) 11 C.F.R. § 102.17(c) 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(f) 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b) 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(k) 11 C.F.R. § 111.44(a) **INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Audit Documents** Disclosure Reports FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None **INTRODUCTION**

35 I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u> 36

This matter was initially generated by a Commission audit pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 438(b) of

- 38 Martinez for Senate (the "Committee") covering the period January 5, 2004 through December 31,
- 39 2004. The Commission approved the Final Audit Report for the Committee on April 10, 2007, and

- three of the four findings were subsequently referred to this Office. Based on the information set
- 2 forth in the Final Audit Report, we recommend that the Commission make reason to believe
- 3 findings as follows:
- The Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting contributions exceeding the limits set forth in 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a) and 441a(i). See Attachment A, Finding 1, at 4-6.
- The Committee did not file 48-hour notices for 109 contributions totaling \$162,014 prior to both the primary and general elections in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(f). See Attachment A, Finding 2, at 7.
- The Committee did not properly disclose the receipt of net proceeds from four joint fundraising committees in violation of 11 C.F.R. § 102.17(c)(8). See Attachment A, Finding 3, at 7-8.

¹ The audit report's findings, along with a complaint generated matter involving the same issues as the audit, MUR 5915, were referred to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office. However, on July 24, 2007, the Commission voted to return the audit referral to the Office of General Counsel ("OGC") so that OGC may generate a First General Counsel's Report with the appropriate penalty calculations and also voted to hold MUR 5915 in abeyance pending the resolution of the audit referral.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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2	1.	Open a MUR in AR 07-02R;			
3 4	2.	Find reason to believe that Martinez for Senate and Nancy H. Watkins, in her official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f);			
5 6	3.	Find reason to believe that Martinez for Senate and Nancy H. Watkins, in her official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(f);			
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12 13	6.	Approve the Report of the Audit Division on Martinez for Senate as the Factual and Legal Analysis;			
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